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RE: Docket No: RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of The Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague and the over 110,000 Americans who donate to our mission, I am writing to urge you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. These increases – which are estimated to reach seven percent per year – will have a negative impact on The Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague's ability to carry out its mission and will not reform the Postal Service.

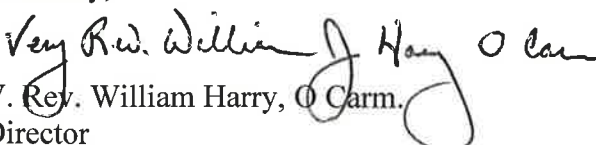
The mission of The Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague is to unite all those who love and honor the Infant Jesus in prayer and devotion. The member's donations support the Carmelite (a Catholic order of priests and brothers) ministries in spiritual education, schools, parishes, food pantries, shelters, and disaster relief in over 50 countries.

Donations enable the Carmelites throughout the world to make a difference in people's lives through their ministries and in the education of seminarians. As a nonprofit mailer, our organization sends out over 313,000 pieces of mail per year to secure the donations needed to help in many areas of our ministries.

The Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague is not able to increase our budget to keep pace with postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next 5 years. Any expense, such as postage, that exceeds our means will result in necessary reductions in our use of mail. Such a reduction will lead to less revenue, limiting our outreach and reducing the amount our organization can spend on critical mission programs.

The USPS says that it partners with us mailers. Springing a wholesale and drastic change such as contemplated here does not demonstrate collaboration. It is not how partners treat each other. We, like other nonprofit mailers, have long relied on our partnership with the Postal Service. We urge you to justify our reliance by reconsidering this recent proposal to increase postage rates.

Sincerely,

  
V. Rev. William Harry, O. Carm.  
Director